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SUBJECT CRUSTACEAN SHELLING TOOL AND PROCESS FOR USE THEREOF

THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

REMARKS IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

The following remarks are in response to the outstanding Office Action mailed April 16, 2004, in the above-identified patent application.

The previous Office Action in this application contained a restriction requirement to which applicant responded on March 1, 2004. That response included arguments traversing the restriction requirement, along with a provisional election of claims 9-15 comprising the Examiner's Group II claims grouping. In the presently outstanding Office Action, the Examiner has apparently ignored applicant's previously-filed arguments in traverse of that restriction requirement. In accordance with the provisions of MPEP 821.01, the restriction requirement should have been reconsidered and either withdrawn